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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AFRICA.

*Report from Cape Town—Plague-infected rodents found at East London.*

The following is received from the medical officer of health for the colony, under date of May 21, 1906:

*East London.*—During the week ended May 19, 85 rodents, of which 16 were found dead, were bacteriologically examined. Of this number 11 were found to be plague infected.

### BRAZIL.

*Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, May 23 and 31, as follows:

Week ended May 20, 1906. Vessels received bills of health from this consulate-general, as follows: On the 16th instant, the British steamship *Putney Bridge*, for Wilmington, N. C., in water ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; on the 17th instant, the British steamship *Castillian Prince*, for New York, with a small cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port; on the 18th instant, the British steamship *Camoens*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 7 first-class and 15 steerage passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; on the 19th instant, the British steamship *Conway*, for Mobile, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in personnel of the crew while in this port; on the same date, the British steamship *Bellena*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel; and on the same date, the British steamship *Merchant Prince*, for New York, with a small cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel.

*Mortality.*—Week ended May 20, 1906. Total deaths, 270. No deaths from yellow fever, plague, or variola; 1 case of plague and 2 cases of variola were reported. At the close of the week there were at the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of plague, and 9 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended May 27, 1906. Vessels received bills of health from this consulate-general as follows: On the 23d instant the American barkentine *Good News*, with a small cargo of coffee, for Baltimore, by way of Santos, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the German steamship *Seiglinde*, for New York, with a small cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew while in port; on the 25th instant the British steamship *Angola*, for Baltimore, with a cargo of manganese ore, no passengers, and with

no change in the crew personnel, and on the same date the British steamship *Willsden*, for New York, in water ballast, no passengers, and with no change in the crew during the stay of the vessel in port.

No other vessels requiring inspection left this port during the period under consideration.

*Mortality.*—Week ended May 27, 1906. Total number of deaths, 288. There were no deaths from yellow fever, variola, or plague. During the week 1 case of yellow fever was reported. At the close of the week the report from the Hospital São Sebastião showed that at that date there was 1 case of yellow fever under treatment there, with 7 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

#### BRITISH HONDURAS.

##### *Report from Belize, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cooke reports as follows:

Week ended June 14, 1906. Present officially estimated population, 9,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Recent heavy rains have not improved the sanitary conditions. Anopheles and stegomyia mosquitoes are very much on the increase.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessel:

| Date.  | Vessel.       | Destination.      | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. |
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| June 8 | Olympia ..... | New Orleans ..... | 42              | 8                                    | .....                            |

#### CHINA.

##### *Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Quarantinable diseases.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, May 19, as follows:

Week ended May 19, 1906.

Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on May 5, 1906.

Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on May 5, 1906.

Communicable diseases: Plague, 90 cases, 83 deaths; smallpox, 2 cases, 1 death.

##### *Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *America Maru* recommended, May 25, 1906, for rejection: For San Francisco, 1; in transit, 6.

*Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox—Swatow, Foochow, and Canton declared infected ports—Vaccination in Manchuria.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, May 23 and 29, as follows:

Week ended May 19, 1906. Two original and 2 supplemental bills of health issued to 4 steamers. There were inspected 4 vessels, 254